



**HARRIS COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO**

**FLORAL DESIGN CHALLENGE  
EXHIBITOR RULES**

**2024**

**PRESENTED BY: HCF&R FLORICULTURE DESIGN CHALLENGE  
COMMITTEE**

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# GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

## PURPOSE OF CHALLENGE

- a. To provide an opportunity for FFA members to showcase abilities and skills that have been obtained through classroom instruction.
- b. To promote the development of skills in Floral Design/Horticulture through competition.
- c. To recognize individual accomplishments in the areas of Floral Design/Horticulture.

## GENERAL RULES

- a. The Floral Challenge competition allows for teams of two (2) exhibitors.
- b. Registration is limited to 50 teams and registration will be open to Harris County FFAs and 4-H organizations first. After the Harris County registration deadline, the contest is open to teams from any FFA or 4-H organization in Texas.
  - i. Harris County Registration Deadline is September 29, 2024, at 5:00 PM
  - ii. Any Texas based FFA or 4-H team may enter between September 29, 2024 at 5:01 PM until October 9, 2024 at 5:00 PM
- c. The entry fee is \$50 per team.
- d. Contestants will be required to pre-register their entries on Judging Card. No late entries.
  - i. The contest will be held within the Project Center at the Gerald D. Young Agricultural Facility.
  - ii. Limited to 50 teams.
- e. Contestants will check in from 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM. Announcements will begin at 9:30 AM and then the contest will begin.
- f. Top 10 arrangements will have the opportunity to place their finished arrangement in a Silent Auction from 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM with 10% commission fee towards Harris County Fair and Rodeo.

## COMPLETION FORMAT

- a. The Floral Challenge will consist of one themed round where teams will design and execute an arrangement. The design type will be revealed before the contest. Design types may include: round, symmetrical, asymmetrical, linear, or oblong.
- b. Teams will have one hour to plan and execute their design.
- c. Each team will be furnished with a box of materials (the flowers, foliage, and container). All materials will be the same for each team.

- d. The team is responsible for determining which materials they will use in the design of their entry.
- e. Contestants may be asked to move arrangements.
- f. Each team's design will be a sole effort with no assistance from anyone in any manner. No assistance from the AST or extension agent.
- g. No cell phones, iPads, or other electronic/smart communication devices are allowed in the competition area during the competition.
- h. No paints, ribbons, or decorative accessories of any kind may be supplied by the teams.
- i. Only the materials supplied by the show officials will be allowed.
- j. Each team must bring their own tools. Tools cannot be shared by exhibitors if they are NOT on the same team. Anyone found with tools not on the list will be disqualified.
  - a. Permissible tools include
 

Floral Knife	Hot Glue Guns	Hot Glue Sticks
Floral Tape	Anchor Tape	Wire Cutters
Floral Glue	Greening Pins	Glue Dots
Stem Strippers	Scissors	Floral Wire

**SILENT AUCTION**

1. The Silent Auction is open to Harris County FFA or 4-H members only.
2. Only the top 10 arrangements will have the opportunity to be entered into the Silent Auction.
3. Participants must complete a Silent Auction Entry Form for the item to be placed in the Silent Auction.
4. The Silent Auction proceeds will benefit the participants minus 10% for the Fair Association.
5. Participants will be able to place a minimum bid on their item but may not run up bidding by bidding on their own item.
6. Once items are placed in the silent auction, they cannot be removed.
7. Thank you notes will need to be provided (pre-written) to the buyer before the end of the silent auction or after the auction concludes.
8. The Harris County Fair and Rodeo Association cannot guarantee the sale of items placed in the Silent Auction. Participants must remove their items from the silent auction if they did not sell.
9. The Harris County Fair and Rodeo Association is not liable for any unforeseen damage to items placed in the Silent Auction or entered in the Creative Arts Contest.

## Harris County Fair Floriculture Design Challenge Rubric

Entry #:	Judges:
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Category	10-5 points	4-0 points	Points Earned
<b>Design Principles and Elements (60 points)</b>	<b>Balance</b> <i>(10 points)</i>	Shows visual and physical balance	Not balanced, leans or falls over
	<b>Line</b> <i>(10 points)</i>	Good use of line to establish design skeleton	Needs improvement with line
	<b>Space</b> <i>(10 points)</i>	Spacing is appropriate	Spacing needs improvement
	<b>Focal Area</b> <i>(10 points)</i>	Focal area is well established and defined	Lack of emphasis and focal area
	<b>Proportion</b> <i>(10 points)</i>	The arrangement and container are proportionate	Component relationship needs improvement
	<b>Form</b> <i>(10 points)</i>	Arrangement form meets the type outlined in the contest	The arrangements form is not appropriate for the type outlined
<b>Mechanics / Execution (20 points)</b>	<b>Mechanics</b> <i>(10 points)</i>	All mechanics covered	Large amounts of mechanics are exposed
	<b>Execution</b> <i>(10 points)</i>	All Flowers and/or materials were used efficiently, design techniques used well	Excess leftover flowers and materials, little evidence of design techniques
<b>Creativity (20 points)</b>	Overall creativity expressed in the arrangement		
		<b>Total Points</b> Max 100 points	

**NOTES/CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK:**